

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2582 - HB 2635

February 10, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the local education agency (LEA) in consultation with parents, teachers and administrators, to develop and adopt a policy to promote the involvement of parents and guardians of children enrolled in the schools with the school district. The bill would require schools to form a plan, which is designed to improve parent and teacher cooperation in such areas as homework, attendance and discipline. It would also require procedures by which parents may learn about the course of study and may withdraw their children from a class or activity which they feel is objectionable because it questions beliefs or practices in sex, morality, or religion.

The policy adopted by the LEA may include information on parents' rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), the parents' right to inspect the school district's policies and curriculum, and various efforts through the school that will encourage the development of parenting skills.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumes any cost associated with the development of policies and procedures by the LEAs promoting parental involvement in public schools is estimated to be not significant and can be handled within existing budgeted resources.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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